Security verification of SEZs

780. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to carry out security verification of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), before they are cleared;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) what are the reasons on account of which the security of the country is likely to be endangered on account of this plan meant for establishment and expansion of industries in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to put under security verification of all the proposals cleared by the Ministry of Commerce, so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As per provisions contained in the Special Economic Zone Act, 2005, the Board of Approvals, wherein the proposals to establish Special Economic Zones are considered, includes representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Defence. Some proposals in sensitive areas/sectors are looked at from security point of view.

Reservation of seats in the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim

781. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for providing reservation of seats for the Limboo and Tamang Communities in the Legislative Assembly of Sikkim;

(b) if so, whether any representation/proposal has been received by Government from the Government of Sikkim;

(c) if so, the action/decision taken thereon so far; and

(d) if not, by when decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Since such decisions require inter-ministerial consultations no definite timeframe is envisaged.

Arrest of SIMI activities

†782. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the banned terrorist organization 'SIMI' have been arrested on account of a number of terrorist incidents in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the total numbers of members the said organization arrested so far; and

(d) the charges against each of the arrested accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the State Governments and NCT Delhi, 179 cases registered against the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) under various provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Indian Penal Code, Explosive Substances Act, Prevention of Terrorism Act, Arms Act, Essential Services Act, etc. These cases are at different stages of trial in the Courts. However, the activities of SIMI are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies.

Federal Police for Terrorism

†783. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the whole country has become insecure on account of expansion of terrorism during the last few years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.